



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Callioni et al. ) Examiner: Graham  
Serial No.: 09/873,072 ) Art Unit: 3628  
Filed: May 31, 2001 )  
For: NEW BUSINESS MODELS FOR )  
FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT AND )  
ASSET FINANCING ACROSS )  
ENTIRE SUPPLY CHAINS )

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Preliminary Amendment and Response Accompanying the Present Request for Continuing  
Examination (RCE) Filed Herewith

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 12, 2006 and in conjunction with the RCE filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above referenced patent application. Please consider the following remarks and amendments for allowance of the above-identified patent application.